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SUBJECT: INTERFERENCE TO VOA 1196/1197 KHZ

REF: A. MOSCOW 17302; B. GENEVA 8539; C. MOSCOW 4048

MUNICH PASS VOA

1. IN FINAL PLAN AS SIGNED BY SOVIETS AT LF/MF
CONFERENCE, THEY HAD DELETED THREE PLANNED FIVE-KILOWATT
STATIONS ON 1197 KHZ WHICH WERE WITHIN INTERFERING RANGE
OF VOA MUNICH TARGET AREA. REMAINING IN PLAN ARE
FIVE-KILOWATT STATIONS AT GOMEL, MIADDEL AND MOGHILEV,
ALL OF WHICH ARE OUTSIDE RANGE OF VOA MUNICH AND PRESENT
NO PROBLEM. MINSK STATION APPEARS IN PLAN WITH A POWER
OF 50 KILOWATTS. PLAN COMES INTO EFFECT ON NOVEMBER 23,
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1978 REPEAT 1978.

2. REFERENCE C. REPORTED THAT IN INTEREST OF "IMPROVING RELATIONS" SOVIET AUTHORITIES HAD AGREED TO REDUCE POWER OF MINSK STATION TO 25 KILOWATTS EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 1975. THIS POINT WAS MADE BY U.S. TEAM DURING MEETING WITH CHAMCHIN, HEAD OF SOVDEL AT LF/MF CONFERENCE (REF. B), AND U.S. TEAM STRESSED THAT 25 KILOWATTS WOULD BE MAXIMUM ACCEPTABLE POWER AT MINSK.

3. WE SEE NO CONFLICT BETWEEN OPERATION OF MINSK AT 25 KILOWATTS AND THE LISTING IN PLAN FOR 50 KILOWATTS, SINCE POWER SHOWN IN PLAN IS MAXIMUM PERMITTED, NOT MINIMUM. CRITICAL POINT IS, OF COURSE, THAT MINSK BE REDUCED IN FACT TO 25 KILOWATTS AS AGREED BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES PRIOR TO LF/MF CONFERENCE.

4. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM SOVIET AUTHORITIES THAT USG ASSUMES THAT POWER OF MINSK STATION WILL BE LIMITED TO 25 KILOWATTS PURSUANT TO PRE-CONFERENCE AGREEMENT. SOVIET RESPONSE SHOULD BE REQUESTED. INGERSOLL

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